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SUBJECT: FRG CALLS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH VIEW TO ALLIES

REACTING AT UN AGAINST CONDEMNATIONS OF NATO

REF: US MISSION NATO 5818 AND 5841

1. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN RECURRENT CRITICISM OF NATO MEMBERS AS SUCH, INCLUDING 3RD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION REFERRED TO REFTEL B CONDEMNING POLICIES "OF THOSE MEMBERS OF NATO....", THESE ATTACKS APPEAR TO BE SOMEWHAT LESS PERVASIVE THAN IN PAST. PERHAPS ONE EXPLANATION FOR THIS IS THAT ONE NATO COUNTRY, PORTUGAL, NOW NO LONGER IS A PRIME TARGET AS A COLONIAL POWER. BRITISH AND FRENCH REPS AT STAFF LEVEL ON DECOLONIZATION AND SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND RESPOND TO ATTACKS ON NATO, BUT WILL LET LUNS STATEMENT TO VISITING REPS OF UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA STAND ON THEIR OWN. (THEY HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED AS PART OF COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION). FRG, ON THE OTHER HAND, MAY BE ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM AT THIS TIME AS RESULT OF RECENT PUBLICITY RE ITS RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

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2. USUN SEES VIRTURE IN OCCASIONAL NAC FOCUS ON UN PROBLEMS
AND WOULD NOT LIKE US TO BE NEGATIVE TOWARD FRG PROPOSAL FOR
SUCH CONSULTATIONS. AT SAME TIME, WE ARE NO CERTAIN NAC IS
BEST FORUM FOR REACHING POLICY DECISIONS ON STRATEGY AND TACTICS
IN UN FORUMS. WE SUSPECT SOME EUROPEAN FOREIGN OFFICER MAY ALSO
BE LEERY OF TRANSFERRING UN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS TO NAC. IN
PAST, BELGIANS HAVE FAVORED COORDINATION AMONG NATO REP-
RESENTATIVES OF NATO COUNTRIES IN NEW YORK. GIVEN EXISTENCE OF
EC-9 GROUPING, WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUP, AND "WESTERN EUROPEAN AND
OTHERS" GROUPING ALL IN NEW YORK, IDEAS HAS NOT CAUGHT FIRE.
WE SUGGEST THAT US REPRESENTATIVES, WITHOUT TAKING NEGATIVE LINE,
TREAT ISSUE WITH A CERTAIN RESERVE, AT LEAST UNTIL WE HAVE
CLEARER PICTURE OF OTHER EUROPEAN ATTITUDES.
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